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34/33. Establishment of a forum on people of African descent

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/266 of 27 March 2002, in which the Assembly endorsed the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, reaffirming the commitments contained therein with regard to people of African descent, and recalling also all previous Human Rights Council resolutions on the comprehensive follow-up to the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolution 30/17 of 2 October 2015 on a forum on people of African descent in the diaspora,

Recalling further all its previous resolutions on the global elimination of the scourges of racism and racial discrimination,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 69/16 of 18 November 2014, in which the Assembly adopted the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent,

1. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to facilitate, during the seventy-first session, a resolution on the establishment of a forum on people of African descent;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly establish a forum on people of African descent, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent,[1] the modalities of which should reflect the views and preferences of the communities concerned.

[1] General Assembly resolution 69/16, annex.

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3. *Decides* to allocate three days of the annual session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to the forum on people of African descent, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly invite States located in the regions where people of African descent live and of which they are citizens to offer to host regional conferences on the establishment of the forum, with the participation of people of African descent, with a view to making substantive contributions on the format, structure and content of the proposed forum;

5. *Encourages* all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals, and other donors in a position to do so, to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination with a view to contributing to the successful implementation of the programme;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of this priority matter.

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24 March 2017

[Adopted without a vote.]